

# Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

## Status and Information Report

### Report No. 6 for 2017



April 21, 2017

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To Mayor Archer and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on May 5, 2017.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Council Work Session	April 24, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Special Legislative Meeting	April 24, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Regular Legislative Meeting	May 1, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

#### **Town Administration**

- **Welcome Whole Foods:** On April 12<sup>th</sup> the Riverdale Park Whole Foods Market opened its doors. We are proud to be the home of the first Whole Foods Market in Prince George's County and we look forward to working with the Whole Foods team.
- **Town Manager's FY18 Proposed Budget:** Staff are finalizing the FY18 Proposed Budget. The Town is committed to financial accountability and transparency. As such, a detailed proposed budget for FY18 will be presented to the Mayor and Council for consideration. The proposed budget will be available to the public on the same day that it is sent to the Mayor and Council. Additionally, the Mayor and Council's Finance Committee will host a budget review meeting on a Saturday in May. Residents are encouraged to attend. The date and time of the meeting will be published in the near future.

#### **Office of the Town Clerk**

- **Election Day:** Residents are encouraged to vote at Town Hall on **May 1, 2017**. Polls open at **7:00 a.m.** and close at **8:00 p.m.**

- **Volunteers needed to plan Riverdale Park Day 2017:** The Town is seeking volunteers to assist in the planning of Riverdale Park Day. Riverdale Park Day will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park. The planning committee typically meets once a month in the evenings. If you are interested in helping to plan this fun event please contact the Town Clerk at [jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov).

### **Human Resources Department**

- **Staff promote Wellness, Health and Safety:** The Employee Health Wellness and Safety Committee has met to identify and propose improvements to the health, wellness and safety programs. Under consideration are an employee garden to promote healthy eating, a review of our existing healthcare coverage, and a walking program.
- **Staff finalizing existing Evaluation system:** In order to ensure each staff member is performing to their optimum capability, staff, in conjunction with McGrath Consulting, are finalizing revisions to the employee evaluation system. These revisions target more effective communication, clearly defined expectations, and both formal and informal feedback between supervisor and employee.

### **Development**

#### **License and Permitting Report:**

Permit Request: 1

<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Permit For</b>
2017-P-08	5303 50th Avenue	Dumpster

Building Permits Approved: 5

<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Permit For</b>
2017-B-29	6411 Taylor Road	New Deck
2017-B-30	6304 Taylor Road	Revise plans as build (Interior work only)
2017-B-32	4810 Tuckerman Street	Install 12 solar panels
2017-B-33	4905 Queensbury Road	Install 42 solar panels
2017-B-34	4601 Queensbury Road	Install 37 solar panels

Building Permit Request: 4

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-31	6304 47th Avenue	6ft Wooden Fence
2017-B-35	4600 Riverdale Road	Raze detached garage
2017-B-36	5714 Silk Tree Drive	Install 14 solar panels
2017-B-37	5313 Taylor Road	Renovate porch

**Department of Public Works**

**Neighborhood Improvement:**

- **Community Curbside Clean-up This Saturday:** Celebrate Earth Day by participating in Riverdale Park's annual community curbside clean-up. Residents are offered the opportunity to put their yard waste/bulk trash items on the curb tonight, April 21, for pick up tomorrow, Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that collections will end at **2:00 PM** on April 22. Residents are encouraged to take participate in this opportunity for curbside pickup.

**The following items are *ineligible* for pick up during the Community Clean Up:**

- Remodeling lumber, flooring material, plaster, plasterboard and interior tile
  - Fencing material or poles
  - Air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers
  - Lawnmowers or other gas powered tools
  - Major automobile components
  - Tires
  - Dirt, stone, gravel and sod
  - Concrete blocks and bricks, cement
  - Antifreeze and oil
  - Glass, windows, door panels, fish tanks
  - Paint
  - Hazardous materials and chemicals
- **Bulk Trash Schedule Correction:** There will be no Bulk Trash Drop-off in April due to the Community Clean Up. Bulk Trash Drop-off days are on the third Saturday of each month and will resume on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for the spring/summer schedule:

**Upcoming Bulk Trash Drop-off Days**

May	20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
June	17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
July	15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	9AM to 2PM
August	19 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	9AM to 2PM

### **Environmental Stewardship:**

- Maryland PLANT Community Award: Once again the Town of Riverdale Park has been awarded the 2016 Green Award by the People Loving and Nurturing Trees (PLANT) Program. The program is in partnership with the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. This award is given to communities to recognize their devotion to planting and caring for the trees in our community.
- Spring Tree Planting: Letters will soon be sent to residents notifying them of locations that have been selected for installation of new trees. Some locations, requested by our residents, may/not all be selected at this time, but may be considered for planting in the fall.
- Earth Day: The Town supports and participates in the Anacostia Watershed Society's annual Earth Day Celebration in its efforts to clean up the Anacostia River. The event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – noon; scheduled to occur at Tanglewood Neighborhood Park.
- Arbor Day 2017: The Arbor Day ceremony was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and was planned by Janice Euell- a job well done! Six new trees were planted in the vicinity of the rain garden, each represented and were dedicated to grades K-5 at Riverdale Elementary School. CM Marsha Dixon, Henry Horace of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Lora Katz of the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee were all in attendance. A special thank you to the community volunteers Chiemeka Okeoma and Oluwasegun Okusaga for all of their assistance with tree planting. Pictures of the event are attached.

### **Police Department**

#### **Activity for April 5- April 18, 2017:**

Calls for Service	461	DUI Arrests	2
Arrests/Warrants	10	Reports Filed	49
Accidents	35		

### **Reports:**

04-5-17: Officers conducted a traffic stop while conducting speed enforcement in the 6700 block of Kenilworth Avenue. It was determined that the driver had a suspended driver's license. During an impound inventory, a small amount of marijuana was recovered.

04-6-17: During severe weather, officers responded to the 4700 block of Nicholson Street for a report of property damage because of the storm. It was determined that branches from two separate town owned trees damaged two separate residences.

04-06-17: Officers responded to 5609 54th (River Crossing Apartments) for a theft report. It was reported that an ex-employee had stolen a large amount of money from the apartments from September of 2016 through April of 2017. The employee had collected rent money from different tenants and not turned the payments in as required. The suspect was eventually charged with theft and trespassing.

04-06-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a report of a suspicious person trying to enter a house. Officers observed a subject trying to enter the residence. When trying to take the subject into custody, he became disorderly and combative. With the assistance of several other officers, the subject was eventually taken into custody and charged with trespassing, assault, and disorderly conduct.

04-8-17: Officers were dispatched to the 4700 block of Queensbury Road for a suicidal person. A subject was eventually transported to Washington Adventist Hospital for an emergency evaluation.

04-12-17: Officers were flagged down in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace by a subject with visible injuries who reported that he has been assaulted by his live-in girlfriend in their apartment. Officers responded to the residence and discovered that the suspect had fled the scene. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect for assault.

04-12-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a report of a violation of a protective order. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspect in this incident had followed the victim into the PCS Store and began yelling at her and eventually exited the store. After determining that there was an active protective order against the suspect, officers began to search the area to locate him.

Upon locating the suspect, he fled from officers and was eventually taken into custody. In addition to being charged with violating the protective order, it was determined that he had open warrants for second degree rape and failure to appear.

04-14-17: Officers conducted a routine traffic stop in the 5300 block of Riverdale Road and the driver was eventually arrested for DUI. During the DUI arrest, a passenger in the vehicle was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

04-14-17: Officers contacted a subject drinking in public in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue. The subject was cited for public drinking.

04-15-17: Officers responded to the 5400 block of Kenilworth Terrace for a report of vandalism to auto. The victim reported that the windshield on his 2008 Chevrolet Impala had been smashed out during the night.

04-15-17: Officers responded to the 5600 block of 54th Avenue for a theft from auto report. The victim reported that unknown persons entered his vehicle by breaking the window and stole multiple work tools.

04-15-17: Officers responded to the Elks Lodge on Kenilworth Avenue for a report of a large fight involving over 200 persons in the parking lot. Several police agencies responded to quell the disturbance.

04-17-17: Officers responded to Riverdale Road and Oliver Street for a report of a hit and run accident. Upon arrival, Officers saw a vehicle attempting to leave the scene of the accident. The vehicle was stopped and it was determined to be stolen through the Metropolitan Police Department. The driver was taken into custody and charged with auto theft and related traffic offenses.

04-18-17: Officers responded to the 4900 block of Tuckerman Street for dog bite report. The victim reported that a dog running loose bit his left leg and arm. The dog was turned over to the owner and an animal exposure report was completed.

04-18-17: Officers conducted a traffic at East West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue. It was determined that the driver had an open warrant through the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He was taken into custody without incident.

**Update:**

Officer Amaya has been selected to attend the Maryland Top Gun training program at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA, from April 23-29, 2017. This program trains officers on investigating and prosecuting drug cases.

Officer Amaya and Officer Estrada have been chosen to receive the Noah Leotta Memorial Award from the Maryland Highway Safety Office during the Annual Maryland Impaired Driving Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony on June 4, 2017. This award recognizes officers in the state with less than five years of service for their DUI enforcement during the past year.

Corporal Joe Walch will also be recognized for his DUI enforcement efforts over the past year at the same ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian  
Town Manager



**Arbor Day  
April 19, 2017**

